

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

14. (Currently Amended) A communication device comprising:

~~reception determination means for determining whether the communication device is in one of a reception possible condition and a reception impossible condition; and~~

~~reception process means for performing reception of an incoming call when the reception determination means determines that the communication device is in the reception possible condition, and for performing reception of the incoming call, regardless of whether the communication device is in the reception impossible condition, when the communication device is in a specific mode~~an output unit that outputs data received from a remote device;

an output determination unit that determines whether the output unit is ready to output;

a reception determination unit that receives an incoming call from the remote device when the reception determination unit determines that the output unit is ready to output, the reception determination unit not receiving an incoming call from the remote device when the output determination unit determines that the output unit is not ready to output; and

a reception process unit that receives an incoming call from the remote device in a specific mode regardless of a result by the output determination unit.

15. (Currently Amended) A communication device as claimed in claim 14,
~~wherein the specific mode is an answering machine mode~~further comprising a remote operation unit that permits access from the remote device, and a selection unit capable of selecting the output unit or the remote operation unit, wherein when the remote operation unit

is selected by the selection unit, the reception process unit connects a line with the reception determination regardless of the result by the output determination unit.

16. (Currently Amended) A communication device as claimed in claim 14, ~~wherein the reception process means does not perform reception of the incoming call when the reception determination means determines that the communication device is in a reception impossible condition and the communication device is not in the specific mode~~ further comprising a storage device that stores the data received from the remote device, wherein when the output determination unit determines that the output unit is incapable of outputting the data, the storage device is full.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for operating a~~ The communication device comprising:
_____ ~~determining whether the communication device is in one of a reception possible condition and a reception impossible condition; and~~
_____ ~~performing reception of an incoming call when it is determined that the communication device is in the reception possible condition, and for performing reception of the incoming call, regardless of whether the communication device is in the reception impossible condition, when the communication device is in a specific mode~~ according to claim 14, wherein the specific mode is a remote control mode where the communication device is remotely controlled by the remote device.

18. (Currently Amended) A communication ~~method as claimed in claim 17,~~ wherein the ~~specific mode is an answering machine mode,~~ comprising:
_____ a first process of determining whether data output is ready;
_____ a second process of disabling reception of an incoming call from a remote device when it is determined that data output is not ready in the first process;

a third process of determining whether a remote control operation is enabled from the remote device; and

a fourth process of receiving an incoming call from the remote device when it is determined that the remote control operation is enabled in the third process, regardless of a result in the first process.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein reception of the incoming call is not performed when it is determined that the communication device is in the reception impossible condition and the communication device is not in the specific~~

mode
A computer-readable storage medium including a program for controlling a communication device; the computer-readable storage medium comprising:

a first step of determining whether data output is ready;

a second step of disabling reception of an incoming call from a remote device when it is determined that data output is not ready in the first step;

a third step of determining whether a remote control operation is enabled from the remote device; and

a fourth step of receiving an incoming call from the remote device when it is determined that the remote control operation is enabled in the third step, regardless of a result in the first step.

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